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Welcomes You To Our Historic Theatre

A little bit of history....

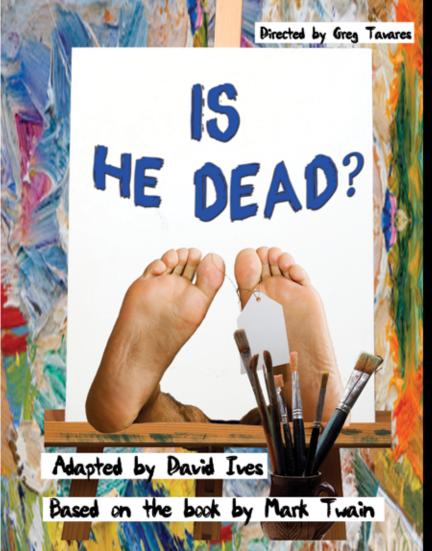
The Footlight Players was ceremoniously launched in 1931, with a series of one-act plays directed by Lieutenant Commander Charles Russell Price at the Charleston Navy Yard. The Players formally organized themselves as "The Footlight Players, Inc." in the fall of 1932. In 1934, the Footlight Players purchased an old cotton warehouse at 20 Queen Street with the idea of eventually converting it into a finished playhouse.

All of our productions were presented in various theatres around town—the Academy of Music, which was on the corner of King and Market Streets, the Victory Theatre which was at 84 Society Street, Hampton Park, The Citadel, and the Dock Street Theatre. In 1941, 60 volunteer workers completely remodeled the former Queen Street warehouse into a playhouse and workshop.



The Great Seal of SC, carved around 1840, which had adorned the Academy of Music, was placed on the proscenium, a subtle reminder of the continuity between that which had vanished and that which was determined to live on. Between 1941 and 1986, we presented our productions at the Dock Street Theater. We moved back into our original theatre in 1986, which was dramatically renovated to what you see today. We present six to ten shows every season.

You can always help preserve the history and the future of the Footlight Players by making a special donation to the Footlight Players Endowment.



AUG - SEPT

Aug. 27, 28; Sept. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 at 8:00pm

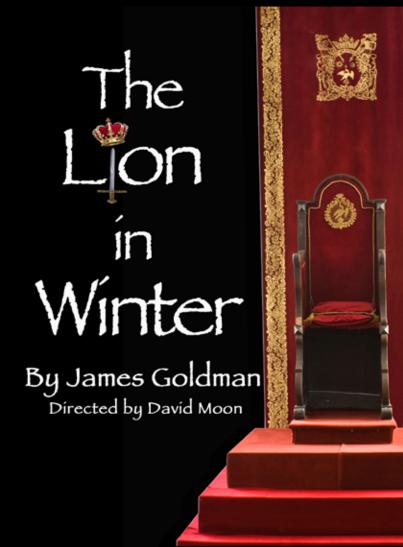
Aug. 29 & Sept. 12

at 3:00pm

Authored by Mark Twain in 1897, this play was discovered by Shelley Fisher Fishkin and updated by David Ives.
Jean-Francois Millet is a brilliant but unrecognized artist who can't sell a painting to save his life. With the help of his madcap bohemian friends, Jean decides to stage his own demise to revive sales. However, in order to keep an eye on his success, he re-emerges as his imaginary twin sister. Join Footlight for a farce that will have you laughing loud enough to wake the dead.

Recommended Age: 17+

Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$15



Oct. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 8:00pm
Oct. 10 & 17

at 3:00pm

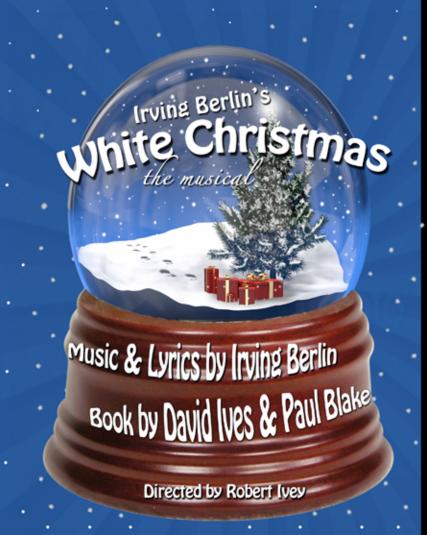
Back stabbing, spying, and rampant infidelity – just a typical family Christmas for the Plantagenets, England's royal family. This ingenious drama pits King Henry II against his strong-willed wife Eleanor of Aquitaine and their three heirs in a 12th-century struggle for love and power. James Goldman's 'historical comedy' takes place in 1187, but is as timely as today.

Recommended Age: 15+

Awards.

Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$15

Winner of 3 Tonys and 7 Academy



Dec. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

at 8:00pm

Dec. 5, 12, & 19

at 3:00pm

Direct from Broadway, the classic holiday movie White Christmas comes to the stage at last! This brand new musical shines with classic Berlin hits like "Blue Skies," "How Deep Is the Ocean?" and, of course, the unforgettable title song, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," and tells the story of two buddies putting on a show in a magical Vermont Inn and finding their perfect mates in the process. Full of dancing, laughter and some of the greatest songs ever written, this musical promises a merry and bright theatrical experience for the whole family!

Recommended Age: All ages

Adults \$30, Seniors \$27, Students \$20, Child \$15

by Lorraine Handberry

Directed by Henry Clay Middleton

JAN - FEB

Jan. 28, 29; Feb. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 at 8:00pm

Feb. 6 & Feb. 13 at 3:00pm

This intensely affecting drama chronicles how a financial windfall touches the lives of an African-American family living in Chicago in the late 50's. A simple desire for a home of their own becomes the touchstone of their integrity. This modern classic, remembered from the film starring Sidney Poitier and most recently, Sean 'P. Diddy' Combs, is an inspiring, moving and poignant tale that includes themes relevant and as universal today as they were then.

Recommended Age: 10+

Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$15, Child \$10



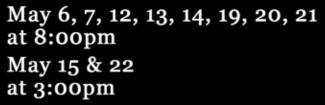
MAR - APR

Mar. 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31; Apr. 1, 2 at 8:00pm

Mar. 27 & Apr. 3 at 3:00pm

The small town of Elroy, SC is thrust into the evangelical spotlight, when what seems to be the image of Jesus appears on a refrigerator in a trailer park. The discovery sets into motion a frenzy of conflict, communion and good old fashioned commerce. When the National Investigator turns the appearance into front page headlines, the trailer park becomes a mecca for miracle seekers, soul searchers and disciples with a decidedly political agenda. In an area where religion is as much a part of life as grits and cotton fields, God surely moves in mysterious ways. Recommended Age: 17+

Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$15



Based on the true story of the Texas brothel known as the "Chicken Ranch" this fun, tongue-in-cheek show features a country-western score and brims with rousing chorus numbers and beautiful ballads. Throw in a classy madam with a heart of gold, a hot-headed sheriff, an evangelical television reporter (not to mention a championship football team and a house full of beautiful women!) for a down-home good time!

Recommended Age: 17+

Adults \$30, Seniors \$27, Students \$20



LateNight @ the Footlight presents ... Hip, Fun, & Frisky Theatre





who recently moved into a nearby "haunted" house. The tables are soon turned when she tells a tale of her own and an innocent evening soon becomes a night of personal revelation. Beautiful, devious, and darkly magical, The Weir celebrates old-fashioned storytelling and guarantees to serve up more than chilling ghost stories about what goes bump in the night. Tickets: \$10 Thursdays, \$15 Fridays & Saturdays

Recommended age: 18 Features: Drink Specials, Cool Promotions BY NEIL LABOTE DIRECTED BY ROBBIG THOMAS

Feb. 24, 25, 26; Mar. 3, 4, 5 at 9:00pm How many insults can you hear before you have to stand up and defend the woman you love? Tom faces just that question when he falls for Helen, a bright, funny, sexy young woman who happens to be plus-sized-and then some. Forced to explain his new relationship to his shallow (although shockingly funny) friends, Tom finally comes to terms with his own preconceptions of the importance of conventional good looks. Tickets: \$10 Thursdays, \$15 Fridays & Saturdays

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The Footlight Players, 20 Queen Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401

As a title sponsor of one of our productions during the Footlight Players' 78th season, you receive the following benefits: Pick all 6 shows and save 25% (option 1) or pick 3 shows and still save 15% (option 2)

For more information regarding season tickets or sponsorships please call (843) 722-7521 or e-mail info@footlightplayers.net



Sponsorship

- Private show for up to 240 of your guests at a special performance before opening night
- Acknowledgement of your support at each of the 11 performances during the pre-show announcement
- Special discount of 25% on season ticket subscriptions for all employees
- Full page B&W ad in season program (12,000 printed annually)
- Logo and links from Footlight's website for the season
- Recognition in all promotional materials including press releases, newsletters, print ads, posters, flyers, radio coverage, etc.

MainStage Series: Option 1 All 6 Shows - 25% Savings

| | Amount | Tkts | Tax Deduction |
|---|---------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Footlight Benefactor | \$1,500 | 4 | \$860 |
| Producer's Circle | \$1,000 | 4 | \$360 |
| Director's Circle | \$750 | 4 | \$110 |
| Player's Circle | \$500 | 2 | \$180 |
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| Stage Hands Circle | <i>Amount</i> \$240 | Tkts 2 | Savings \$80 |
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| | \$240 | 2 | \$80 |

TOTAL Option 1: \$____

LateNight @ the Footlight

| | Amount | Tkts | Savings |
|--------------|--------|------|---------|
| Single | \$20 | 1 | \$10 |
| Date Package | e \$35 | 2 | \$25 |

TOTAL LateNight: \$_____

MainStage Series: Option 2 Pick 3-4 Shows - 15% Savings

| | Adult | Senior | Student |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|---------|
| Is He Dead | \$21 | \$19 | \$13 |
| Lion in Winter | \$21 | \$19 | \$13 |
| White Christmas | \$26 | \$23 | \$17 |
| Raisin in the Sun | \$21 | \$19 | \$13 |
| Messiah on Frigidaire | \$21 | \$19 | \$13 |
| Whorehouse in Texas | \$26 | \$23 | \$17 |

TOTAL Option 2: \$_____

Add-on Children's Tickets

(Must be purchased with a season subscription)

White Christmas \$12 x ____ = ____ Raisin in the Sun \$8 x ____ = ____

79th Season Ticket Order Form

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The Charleston Acting Academy

A partnership between Footlight Players & Pure Theatre, this unique Academy presents three summer acting classes for the students of the Tri-County area that are serious about pursuing a career in acting or film.

All classes will be held downtown at the Footlight Players Theatre (20 Queen Street, Charleston 29401) and class instruction will be provided by Pure Theatre Co-Founder, Rodney Lee Rogers.

NOTE: All classes are Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm

Acting is for Everyone

July 12-16, 2010, 9am to 4pm Ages: Rising 6th - 12th Grades Cost \$250

Class is filled with fun, challenging material, provocative thinking, and new techniques that can be applied to acting, and life in general. Throw in a digital video camera or two, and students will leave saying this was the best week of their summer. Instructor: Rodney Lee Rogers



Acting is Elementary

June 21-25, 2010, 9am to 4pm Ages: Rising 1st - 5th Grades Cost \$250

This fun, energetic, full day class is the perfect introduction or ongoing training for elementary school students interested in the art and craft of acting. Instructor: Rodney Lee Rogers.

Acting on a Small Scale/Big Screen

July 19-23, 2010, 9am to 4pm Ages: Rising 6th - 12th Grades Cost \$400

This fun camp is for any young person interested in learning the techniques involved in making a short film. Armed with an original script produced in the class, students take turns acting, directing and taping their work. Instructors: Howard Katz & Rodney Lee Rogers.

Get Involved With YOUR



Act in our Shows!

Footlight holds open auditions for every one our shows, usually 6 weeks prior to the opening of our production. For upcoming auditions, please check our website frequently, sign-up for our e-mail newsletter, and join the audition group on Facebook!

Community Theatre

For over 78 years, The Footlight Players has continued to thrive with the time, talent, and efforts of volunteers. Volunteers are critically important to Footlight and we rely on them in every area to keep the Theatre running and growing. Wonderful people like YOU have preserved The Footlight Players and our extensive history in downtown Charleston.

Volunteering has many perks. You can make new friends, learn new skills (with hands-on training), mingle with artists and staff, have FUN, earn complimentary tickets and you have the satisfaction of giving back to your community. Projects range from working in the box office, to building sets, to acting! There are many ways to get involved with Footlight.



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